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My comments to be submitted in regard to Senate Resolution No. 7:

Senator Casperson has greatly exaggerated the impact of wolves in Michigan.

1. Senator Casperson offers no scientific data to support the resolution

2. The wolf management plan which was based on peer reviewed scientific data states, "The minimum criterion of 200 wolves does not reflect the maximum number of wolves the available habitat in Michigan can support...this minimum requirement is not necessarily sufficient to provide all of the ecological and social benefits valued by the public (see 5.2). Accordingly, 200 wolves is not a target population size."

3. Consistent with scientific data, the Michigan wolf population shows evidence of stabilization and has actually declined since 2010-2011.

4. The U.P. of Michigan has about 50,000 head of cattle. A total of 26 livestock animals were killed by wolves in 2014 (9 animals were reported missing/ 3 injured).

5. In 2014, 16 hunting dogs were killed by wolves – all were either pursuing game or training to pursue game

6. Wolves pose little risk to humans. **Even so, a wolf can already be killed, even as an endangered species, if it becomes habituated to humans.**

Additional comments:

Once again, There is no need or scientific data to remove the grey wolf from the endangered list. Senator Casperson has shown that he will do whatever to allow the hunting of Michigan wolves, even if it means submitting incorrect data. You will recall, Senator Casperson was forced to apologize for his misleading wolf statements at a day care center (resulting in the passage of a resolution)

<http://www.uppermichiganssource.com/news/story.aspx?id=968656#.VMb052jF-HM> He even lied in his apology stating it only recently came to his attention (November 2013) that the information was not true. Yet there is proof that his office was personally notified (before the resolution was adopted) that the information was not correct.

Who is Senator Casperson representing? Could it be that he is representing Hunting groups and Safari International rather than the interests of Michigan citizens and scientific wildlife management?

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